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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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JANUARY 16, 1895.—Ordered to be printed.

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Mr. MARTIN, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 5589.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5589) granting a pension to Willis Monasco, of Eldridge, Howard County, Ark., have had the same under consideration, and respectfully report as follows:

This bill originated in the House of Representatives and passed that body on the 28th of July, 1894. The bill was duly referred to the House Committee on Pensions, who carefully and thoroughly examined the same and submitted a report thereon, which report is hereto attached and made a part of this report.

Your committee is of the opinion that the claim of Mr. Monasco is a just one, and therefore recommend the passage of the bill.

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[House Report No. 875, Fifty-third Congress, second session.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5589) granting a pension to Willis Manasco, have considered the same and respectfully report as follows:

The records of the Second Auditor's Office, Treasury Department, show that Willis Manasco is borne on the roll of Capt. Benjamin A. Philpot's company of Alabama Volunteers as having been paid for nineteen days traveling from Somerville, Ala., to Vernon, Ala., and from Vernon to Somerville, when ordered home, a distance each way (according to the records) of 190 miles. This was in the Creek Indian war of 1836.

In a declaration for pension, filed December 4, 1891, Mr. Manasco declares that while in said service he received an injury to his left thigh by his horse (which had been shot) falling upon him, and that he has been crippled ever since.

The records, which are obviously incomplete so far as these old wars are concerned, fail to show the injury, and as the service shown is insufficient in duration to warrant allowance of pension under the general Indian war act of July 27, 1892, the claim filed at the Pension Bureau has been rejected.

Mr. Manasco resides at Eldridge, Howard County, Ark., and Messrs. Robert G. Luttrell, J. B. Luttrell, and J. E. Pannell, citizens of that county and State, testify that the claimant is 77 years old, in feeble health, and unable to perform manual labor; also that he has no income except that derived from a small farm of 15 or 16 acres, and this does not amount to more than \$50 per year, which is insufficient to support him and his wife.

After careful consideration of all the facts your committee recommend the passage of the act with the following amendments:

Strike out the word "Mexican," in line 7, and insert in lieu thereof the words "Creek Indian;" strike out the word "twelve," in line 7, and substitute in lieu thereof the word "eight," so as to allow a rating of \$8 per month.